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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

Prior to the prosecution of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 ("Petition") filed in connection with parent application no. 09/189,144, which extends the time from June 18, 2000 to and including October 18, 2000. This Petition evidences copendency between parent application Serial No. 09/189,144 and the present application.

Amendments

In the Specification

Page 1, first paragraph, change "This application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No: PCT/US98/10868, filed May 28, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on

U.S. Provisional Applications:" to-- This application is a Continuation of U.S.

Application No. 09/189,144 filed November 10, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of copending United States patent application Serial No. PCT/US98/10868, filed May 28, 1998, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on the following U.S. Provisional Applications, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference: --

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